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Questionnaire and Comment Form

Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's
Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

June 12, 2003

This questionnaire and comment form is designed to help you identify and describe any issues of interest to you regarding Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX. Your comments will help the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis understand public interests and concerns about the project as we conduct our environmental review.

Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the exhibits. If you have a concern about a particular geographic area, please circle it on the attached map.

Please give us the completed form tonight or mail it to:

Attn: FD 34284
Rini Ghosh
Attorney-Adviser
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Your name and address are optional, but would be useful if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive subsequent information regarding this project.

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1. Which of the following applies to your situation?

— The proposed rail line is near my home.

— The proposed rail line is near my business.

— The proposed rail line crosses my property

✓ I live 2.5 mi. from railroad turnaround at gravel pit. We moved here 23 yrs. ago to get away from the gravel pit by Shavano Park on Huebner Road, San Antonio.

2. What are your concerns regarding potential environmental impacts and do you have any mitigation suggestions?

If the railroad is permitted more gravel will be loaded thus producing more air pollution. Even if water is sprayed on gravel during travel & evaporation, dust will rise, causing pollution. More water will be used, depleting our wells, if the blasting hasn't already caused damage to our aquifers.

The flood plains can be affected soon if railways build up and dam up areas where train tracks are built. Homes and communities will be affected. Noise pollution for people and wildlife concerns should be considered.

3. Please use this space for additional comments or suggestions.

In an emergency getting someone to the hospital in Hondo, the train with 100 cars could mean the difference between life or death if we ~~had~~ had to wait for the train to pass.

Environment domain by law is supposed to benefit everyone, not just a business such as Vulcan which is a private business. This should be unlawful.

Our granddaughters go to Clark Hi School, San Antonio and they have felt the vibrations from the blasts while sitting in the classroom from the Huebner Rd. gravel pits. We want none of this.

Thank you for your comments.

Is Vulcan going to pay for our dry wells, lung cancer, and flooded homes?

I understand that Vulcan will pay only a fee on the wildlife park while using only a small part of the land for now. How does this help Medina County?

Vulcan will make more money shipping by rail. Some favor to Medina county instead of using trucks. All is too dangerous for our workers and school bus riders.

